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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Jorg-Thorsten MOHR et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OF DROSPIRENONE (6β , 7β , 15β , 16β -DIMETHYLENE-3-OXO- 17α -PREGN-4-EN-21, 17-CARBOLACTONE, DRSP) AS WELL AS 7α -(3-HYDROXY-1-PROPYL)- 6β , 7β ; 15β , 16β -DIMETHYLENE- 5β -ANDROSTANE- 3β , 5 , 17β -TRIOL (ZK 92836) AND 6β , 7β ; 15β , 16β -DIMETHYLENE- 5β -HYDROXY-3-OXO- 17α -ANDROSTANE-21,17-CARBOLACTONE (90965) AS INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS OF THE PROCESS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the accompanying application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 4-7 as follows.

~4. 6β , 7β ; 15β , 16β -dimethylene-3-oxo- 17α -pregn-4-ene-21, 17-carbolactone, at a

purity of at least 98.9%.

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